

**Range of Conclusions Possible When Comparing Toolmarks**

The examiner is encouraged to report the objective observations that support the findings of toolmark examinations. The examiner should be conservative when reporting the significance of these observations.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Agreement of a combination of individual characteristics and all discernible class characteristics where the extent of agreement exceeds that which can occur in the comparison of toolmarks made by different tools and is consistent with the agreement demonstrated by toolmarks known to have been produced by the same tool.

**INCONCLUSIVE -**

- A. Some agreement of individual characteristics and all discernible class characteristics, but insufficient for an identification.
- B. Agreement of all discernible class characteristics without agreement or disagreement of individual characteristics due to an absence, insufficiency, or lack of reproducibility.
- C. Agreement of all discernible class characteristics and disagreement of individual characteristics, but insufficient for an elimination.

**ELIMINATION**

Significant disagreement of discernible class characteristics and/or individual characteristics.

**UNSUITABLE**

Unsuitable for examination.

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